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Next month I will host my annual "Academy Day" for North Alabama high school students interested in attending one of our nation's five military academies. Representatives from each of the academies will be on hand to answer any questions about attending these prestigious institutions. This year's forum will take place on Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the Madison Academy Cafeteria in Madison. For more information about this year's Academy Day or the nomination process, please visit my website at <http://cramer.house.gov>.

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Washington Update

This month, Representative Cramer announced the introduction of legislation he authored to declare the Muscle Shoals region a "National Heritage Area." A National Heritage Area is defined by Congress as having natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources that have had a significant influence on the history of the United States. By being named a National Heritage Area, the National Park Service would provide funding to support publications and marketing for tourism, economic development, and other related opportunities. Currently, there are twenty-seven National Heritage Areas around the country.

District Update

Representative Cramer and Tennessee Representative Lincoln Davis hosted a summit in Fayetteville, Tennessee with economic development leaders from Northern Alabama and Southern Tennessee. The purpose of this summit was to further economic efforts throughout the Tennessee Valley region. Representative Cramer's congressional district in North Alabama borders a number of counties in Representative Davis' Tennessee district. "Because of the close proximity of our districts, Congressman Davis and I believe our communities must maintain a strong working relationship, especially when it comes to economic development," said Cramer.

Pictured on the right, U.S. Representative Cramer demonstrated new digital in-car video systems acquired by the Huntsville Police Department through funding provided by Representative Cramer and Alabama Senator Richard Shelby. After the event, Cramer said, "These cameras will make a significant difference in the way our law enforcement works and trains."





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Also this month, Representative Cramer joined officials from the National Weather Service and the University of Alabama in Huntsville to announce the installation of new weather prediction technology, only available in North Alabama. Cramer announced the installation of eight state-of-the-art weather stations that once fully installed will help meteorologists and climate researchers more accurately predict severe weather by providing real-time, continuous weather data updated hourly for forecasters, researchers, and the general public. In the FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act, Cramer secured \$1 million for the purchase and installation of the weather stations.



Pictured on the left, Representative Cramer, officials from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and other area leaders celebrated the opening of the University's new propulsion test facility, which was constructed with funds provided by Representative Cramer and Senator Richard Shelby. Representative Cramer and Senator Shelby secured a total of \$4.5 million for this facility in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Act. Cramer said, "This is a place where aspiring scientists and engineers can get their hands dirty testing real propulsion systems using modern techniques and data systems."

Representative Cramer announced this month House-passed funding for channel and flood conveyance improvements along Pinhook Creek. The funding, which Cramer secured in the FY 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, would help remove a railroad bridge that blocks debris and has caused major flooding near the Von Braun Center. "New infrastructure that prevents flooding from Pinhook Creek is vital to the City's downtown revitalization and economic development plans," said Cramer.

Representative Cramer this month presented City of Madison native Wesley Hawkins with the Congressional Award Silver Medal. The Congressional Award program was established by Congress and signed into law by President Carter in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement, and service in young people. Cramer said, "Wesley is setting an excellent example for those of all ages."

Pictured on the right, Representative Cramer, community leaders, and child advocates from Morgan County celebrated the opening of the Morgan County Children's Advocacy Center. Cramer, the founder of the first Children's Advocacy Center, provided \$98,500 in the FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act to help establish the CAC in Morgan County.

